

## SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

### ROBERTS CREEK (AREA D) ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 18, 2023

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ROBERTS CREEK (AREA D) ADVISORY PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	Mike Allegretti
	Members	Meghan Hennessy Chris Richmond Bob Hogg Erik Mjanes Gerald Rainville
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Vicki Dobbyn	Recording Secretary
<b>REGRETS</b>	Electoral Area D Director	Kelly Backs (Non-Voting Board Liaison)

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**CALL TO ORDER** 7:07 p.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was adopted as presented.

#### MINUTES

The Roberts Creek (Area D) APC Minutes of July 17, 2023 were approved as circulated.

The following minutes were received for information:

- Egmont/Pender Harbour (Area A) APC Minutes of July 26, 2023
- Halfmoon Bay (Area B) APC Minutes of July 25, 2023
- Elphinstone (Area E) APC Minutes of July 26, 2023
- West Howe Sound (Area F) APC Minutes of July 25, 2023

#### REPORTS

Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales Operating Plan (CRN00155) 2023-2027

#### Key Points of Discussion:

- No major concerns, appears there is less cutting.
- It was good to see ground water protection and storm water management being addressed.
- There needs to be recognition that the forest has other values besides fiber.

- What is missing in identifying the impacts of logging is the reliance on tourism for the local economy, as the forest is a big draw for mountain biking, hiking, and camping. There is also heavy use of forested areas by local residents for recreation.
- Also missing is more detail on climate change mitigation.
- Agree with the objection to logging due to water protection and wildfire risk.
- Left out of report is that there are many surface water permits and many wells are not identified, so the impact on water is not fully identified.
- MOTI was required to protect a private well during road construction.
- Agree with the report but it not addressing what happened in 2021 with the atmospheric river and floods.
- With few exceptions, most properties above the highway are not on regional water and have had to install expensive systems.
- Fire mitigation in relation to logging is complex and needs to be considered.
- This area that they want to log is really not forest anymore, but instead is an interface between populated residential areas and the natural environment, particularly in Area D. Hundreds of people use this natural environment for recreation. We are more comparable to the North Shore than to more remote areas.
- Consider no cutting at all on the Sunshine Coast, other values have to be considered.

**Recommendation No. 1** *Forestry Referrals: BC Timber Sales Operating Plan (CRN00155) 2023-2027*

The Area D APC recommended that the analyses and recommendations of staff in the report be supported and that the following additions be included:

- Other examples of flooding damage, including Whitaker Creek, Clack Creek, Stephens Creek, Flume Creek, Gough Creek, and others that were affected.
- Recognition of the value of the forest to the local tourism economy and recreational users.
- Climate change and fire mitigation considerations.
- Identification of the numerous water users that are not on regional water and the impact on them by logging.
- An economic case against logging because timber values are currently very low while economic opportunities from an intact forest (tourism, recreation, property values, etc) are all very high, therefore the forest stands to generate more revenue for the Province through tax dollars and a strong local economy through those other drivers, than they do through logging in this area.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

No Director's Report was received.

## **NEXT MEETING**

November 20, 7:00 pm, if needed. Location to be announced, possibly Roberts Creek Library

**ADJOURNMENT** 8:07 p.m.